

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested on the grounds that claim 3 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 7, and claim 10 has been re-written in independent form to include the limitations of claim 3, from which it originally depended. The subject matter of claims 7-11 was indicated as allowable in item 6 on page 4 of the Official Action.

In addition, allowed claim 12 has been amended at the request of the Applicant to add the inherent feature that the power storage device powers the audio transmission device "as required."

Having thus overcome each of the rejections made in the Official Action, withdrawal of the rejections and expedited passage of the application to issue is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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